



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-121-000]

#### National Grid LNG LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on December 8, 2020, National Grid LNG LLC (National Grid) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until October 17, 2022, to complete construction of, and place into service, its Fields Point Liquefaction Project located in Providence, RI as authorized in the October 17, 2018 Order Issuing Certificate (Certificate Order).<sup>1</sup> Ordering Paragraph B(1) of the Certificate Order required National Grid to complete the construction of the proposed Fields Point Liquefaction Project facilities<sup>2</sup> and make them available for service within three years from issuance, or by October 17, 2021.<sup>3</sup>

National Grid states that it has experienced equipment delays, and delays resulting from COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. As a result, National Grid now requests an additional one year, or until October 17, 2022, to complete the authorized construction at the LNG storage facility at Fields Point and make them available for service.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period

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<sup>1</sup> *National Grid LNG LLC*, 165 FERC 61,031 (2018) (Certificate Order).

<sup>2</sup> The Fields Point Liquefaction Project consists of the construction of one (1) new 20 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) gas pretreatment and liquefaction system to convert natural gas delivered by pipeline into liquefied natural gas (LNG). The liquefaction facility is designed to enable National Gas to provide up to 20,600 dekatherms per day (Dth/day) liquefaction service at its existing LNG storage facility located in Providence, RI.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at ordering para. (B)(1).

deadline. Any person wishing to comment on National Grid's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>4</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>5</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>6</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>7</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the Certificate Order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act.<sup>8</sup> At the time a pipeline requests

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<sup>4</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

<sup>5</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2020).

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* P 40.

<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>9</sup> The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on those extension requests that are uncontested.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning COVID-19, issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFile link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on December 30, 2020.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>9</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020)